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SUBJ: FOOD NEEDS SURVEY TEAM

1. SUMMARY. FAO-LED SURVEY TEAM ESTIMATES VOLTAN 1974 GRAIN IMPORT NEEDS AT FROM 63,700 TONS TO 149,500 TONS DEPENDING ON HARVEST. RELATIVELY GOOD APPEARANCE OF CROPS SEEN THUS FAR MAKES EMBASSY THINK NEED WILL BE NEAR LOW END OF THIS SPECTRUM. AT LEAST 18,900 TONS ALREADY COMMITTED BY DONORS APPEAR AVAILABLE FOR 1974. TEAM ALSO RECOMMENDS CONSTRUCTION STORAGE FACILITIES IN NORTHERN UPPER VOLTA. END SUMMARY.

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2. FAO-LED MULTI-DONOR SURVEY TEAM VISITED UPPER VOLTA

SEPT. 26 - OCT. 2. TEAM REPORT ESTIMATED VOLTAN GRAIN IMPORT NEEDS FOR 1974 HUNGRY PERIOD AT FROM 31,200 TO 117,000 TONS FOR NORTH (DEPENDING ON HARVEST, WHICH NOT YET KNOWN) PLUS 32,500 TONS (CORN, SORGHUM, RICE) FOR NATIONAL GRAIN STABILIZATION PROGRAM. OFNACER INTENDS BUY ADDITIONAL 20,000 TONS SORGHUM LOCALLY. BASED ON GOOD APPEARANCE OF CROPS WE HAVE SEEN (HAVE NOT YET VIEWED NORTH, HOWEVER) THERE IS REASON EXPECT IMPORT NEEDS WILL BE NEAR LOW END OF SPECTRUM.

3. REPORT RECOMMENDS CONSTRUCTION STORAGE FACILITIES FOR 22,500 TONS GRAIN IN NORTH, AND STRESSES NEED HAVE 1974 GRAIN BEGIN ARRIVING IN JANUARY IN ORDER PERMIT STORAGE IN NORTH BEFORE RAINS CUT ROADS. REPORT ALSO STATES UPPER VOLTA NEEDS IMPORT 6,000 TONS EDIBLE FATS (GHEE) WHICH WOULD BE SOLD AND 3,500 TONS POWDERED MILK FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION.

4. REPORT POINTS OUT PROBLEMS IN GRAIN PRICING POLICY AND NEED PROVIDE MORE REMUNERATIVE PRICE TO PRODUCERS, PLUS EXTENSION SERVICES AND OTHER INPUTS, IN ORDER INCREASE LOCAL PRODUCTION. ALSO RECOMMENDS IMPROVING AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS AND STUDYING HOW SUBSISTANCE ECONOMY FUNCTIONS. TEAM DECIDED NOT CONCERN ITSELF WITH ANIMAL FEED, AND DECIDED SUFFICIENT SEED WOULD BE AVAILABLE LOCALLY.

5. REPORT SHOWS 18,900 TONS IMPORTED SORGHUM AND CORN AVAILABLE FOR NEXT SEASON. THIS REPRESENTS GRANTS FROM VARIOUS DONORS WHICH NOT YET ARRIVED IN AFRICAN PORTS (USA - 10,000 TONS CORN/SORGHUM; EEC - 4,900 TONS CORN; FRANCE - 4,000 TONS CORN). IT DOES NOT COUNT PROMISED RICE (CHINA - 5,000 TONS; USSR - 2,500 TONS) EVEN THOUGH RICE NEEDS (2,500 TONS) WERE COUNTED IN COMPUTING STABILIZATION PROGRAM NEEDS. ALSO DOES NOT COUNT SHIPMENTS WHICH ALREADY IN AFRICAN PORTS BUT NOT YET IN UPPER VOLTA (USA - ABOUT 7,000 TONS; EEC - 5,000 TONS), BUT THESE SHIPMENTS APPEAR LIKELY BE DISTRIBUTED BEFORE END PRESENT SEASON.

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6. COMMENT: REPORT DRFTED BY GANZIN OF FAO/ROME, WITH ONLY LIMITED INPUT FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP, SO IT IS PRIMARILY FAO RATHER THAN MULTI-DONOR DOCUMENT. REPORT IS USEFUL, BUT WE QUESTION SOME DETAILS, SUCH AS LIST OF CERCLES SHOWN AS POSSIBLE DEFICIT AREAS (WHICH INCLUDES TWO AREAS WHICH WERE CEREALS EXPORTERS DURING 1972 DROUGHT) AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROPOSED STORAGE FACILITIES (INCLUDING 6,000-TON CAPACITY AT LOCATION WHICH CAN BE REACHED

BY TRUCK YEAR-ROUND). ON TWO FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES--PRICE/
MARKETING SYSTEM FOR LOCAL GRAINS AND RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
SALES AND GRATIS DISTRIBUTION OF IMPORTED GRAIN - DRAFT
REPORT INDICATES AWARENESS OF PROBLEMS BUT FAILS TAKE
CLEAR POSITION. IT APPEARS TO US THAT GRAIN PRICING IS
FIELD IN WHICH GOV NEEDS MAKE IMPORTANT CHANGES, AND THAT
NEW SEASON SHOULD BE TIME FOR MAJOR INCREASE IN PERCENTAGE
IMPORTED GRAIN WHICH SOLD RATHER THAN DISTRIBUTED GRATIS.

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